

Amendments to the Claims:

In the Appeal Brief filed on May 28, 2009, kindly replace section “III. Status of the Claims” with the following:

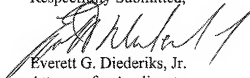
III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Presently, Claims 1, 6-19, 23-45 and 57-62 are finally rejected;
Claims 2-5, 20-22 and 46-56 are canceled; and
Claims 1, 6-19, 23-45 and 57-62 are herewith appealed.

REMARKS

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Applicant has set forth a more detailed statement of the status of claims specifically identifying canceled claims 2-5, 20-22 and 46-56 as outlined in the Notice of Non-Compliant. Based on the above, it is believed that the Appeal Brief is in full compliance with U.S. regulations such that full consideration thereof is respectfully requested. Again, for the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is patentably defined over the known prior art such that the Examiner's rejections should be reversed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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